

## EDSO – UEFA

### UEFA supported EDSO for another 4 more years

The agreement has been made between UEFA and EDSO. EDSO President and UEFA had successfully signed the agreement on 2 July 2009.

EDSO had received from UEFA, substantially sum of €70,000 for next 4 years, until 2013.

Bjørn Røine, Vice-President and Andrew Scolding, Football Technical Officer, had been working on the project toward this agreement and had successfully achieved their bid with UEFA for further funding toward EDSO Football Championships.

This grant is to cover the cost for the technical of EDSO Preliminary and Final competitions and also cover the cost for EDSO Observers to visit every EDSO football matches in the Preliminary competition of Men Football. Not only just Men Football, but also for 1<sup>st</sup> Women Football Championship and 3<sup>rd</sup> Futsal Championship to ensure that the host associations are up to require standards and fall in line with the regulation.



It is not only just for the competition itself, but also for development and promoting deaf football. There are some ideas in the pipeline and in the light of the recent EDSO Workshop in Paris. There had been some agreement to set up a working party towards European Clubs Championship, similar to “Champion League” version and Youth Football Championship.

Also EDSO is keen to promote Referees and Assistant Referees with hearing impairment to participate in the Championship. EDSO had made clear that those Referees for the European Championships had to have the experience of highest calibre in their own National Football Association.

Unfortunately, there is one downfall is that the cost does not cover for ICSD European Summer Deaflympic qualifying round in 2011, but EDSO will try to send observers only if any funding from ICSD, IOC and FIFA are made available.